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SUBJECT: US-USSR S&T AGREEMENT: ELECTROMETALLURGY (01.03):
SCST PROPOSALS

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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM GLEBOV OF SCST ADDRESSED TO DR. GOSNELL OF SCIENCE OFFICE AT SAME TIME LETTER FROM ANTONOV ON SAME SUBJECT SENT SEPTEL RECEIVED FOR TRANSMISSION TO DR. GRANT AT MIT. GLEBOV'S PROPOSALS FOR SOVDEL VISITS TO US IN SUBJECT AREA DIFFER SOMEWHAT FROM THOSE CONTAINED IN ANTONOV LETTER. INFORMAL SCIENCE OFFICE TRANSLATION OF GLEBOV LETTER FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE

CONCERNING THE TRIP TO THE US OF SOVIET MEMBERS OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP, I CONSIDER IT REALISTIC TO PREPARE PROGRAMS FOR SOVIET SPECIALISTS ONLY ON ELECTRON BEAM EVAPORATION, METALLURGY OF FUSION WELDING, PLASMA-ARC WELDING AND ELECTROSLAG TECHNOLOGY THEMES AND TO SCHEDULE THESE FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF APRIL SO THAT THE SOVIET PROJECT LEADERS COULD PARTICIPATE IN THE VI SESSION OF THE JWG ON ELECTROMETALLURGY DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY. THE SECOND WEEK OF MAY COULD BE LEFT FOR AN ORIENTATION TRIP FOR DR. ANTONOV AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET UNCLASSIFIED

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VISITS OF SOVIET GROUPS ON THE SOLID-STATE JOINING AND CRYOGENIC MATERIAL TECHNOLOGY THEMES COULD TAKE PLACE IN OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1978. TO ASSIST IN THE TIMELY PREPARATION OF THE ARRANGEMENTS PROPOSED ABOVE, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE THE AMERICAN SIDE'S RESPONSE IN EARLY FEBRUARY. END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT - WE NOTE THAT ANTONOV PROPOSED (IN LETTER SENT SEPTEL) THAT SOVDELS IN SUBJECT AREA VISIT US IN LATE MARCH AND THAT VI SESSION OF SUBJECT JWG BE SCHEDULED IN US IN EARLY APRIL. GLEBOV, ON THE OTHER HAND, PROPOSES TO EMBASSY - NOT TO DR. GRANT - THAT JWG VI SESSION TAKE PLACE IN EARLY MAY AND SOVDEL VISITS OCCUR AT THAT TIME OR IN THE FOLLOWING AUTUMN. GLEBOV'S PROPOSALS, WE BELIEVE, SHOULD BE REGARDED AS MORE AUTHORITATIVE AND CONSIDERED MORE SERIOUSLY THOUGH WE SUGGEST THAT US RESPOND TO BOTH ANTONOV AND GLEBOV RECOMMENDATIONS. END COMMENT.

4. EMBASSY WILL SEEK CLARIFICATION FROM SCST AND WILL ADVISE.
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